PROTECTIVE TARIFF—ARECANUTS, ETC.

92. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has noted in page 4 of *Gomathi* dated 4th October 1940 the proceedings of a meeting of the ryots of Aloor Village and suburbs in Talappalli Taluk under the presidency of Mr. K. T. Mathew in the St. Joseph's School, Aloor;

(*b*) whether the Government has brought to the notice of the Government of India the necessity to have a protective tariff for arecanut and products imported into India from Ceylon when the Indo-Ceylon trade agreement is drafted and executed;

(*c*) whether the Government has taken any steps to redress the grievances brought forth to the notice of the Government by the resolutions referred to in the proceedings of the meeting referred to in (*a*)?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, the matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(*c*) The resolutions referred to are being considered.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIWAN PEISHKAR—POWERS DELEGATED TO

93. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambir *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the powers delegated to the Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar;

(*b*) whether he is a touring officer, and if so, the number of days spent by him in camp during the last 3 months?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) A statement containing the required information is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(*b*) The Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar is not a touring officer.

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Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether the Government has got any objection to entrust the Personal Assistant with the work of land acquisition exclusively?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a very responsible work and the scheme of the work is that it must be attended to by the Head of the Department, and according to the Land Acquisition Act, the Diwan Peishkar is the person to do it.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* He may be asked to work under the direct supervision of the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Even otherwise, he is to work under the direction and supervision of the Diwan Peishkar.

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FAMINE RELIEF WORKS

94. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the various schemes undertaken on account of famine relief and also the amount spent on each scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A statement showing the required particulars is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

FAMINE RELIEF WORKS—CHENNAMANGALAM

95. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of works proposed and the number taken up as relief against unemployment in this year with the amount proposed to be spent on each of these works;

(*b*) whether they proposed to take up a road work in Chennamangalam and why they have not started any work there yet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The works proposed by individuals and local associations are many. A list of the works so far undertaken as relief works with their estimated or approximate costs, etc., has been given in answer to question No. 94 *(Appendix II).*

(*b*) One work is nearing completion and another will be started as soon as possible.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 93)

*Powers delegated to the Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar

1. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar under the Land Conservancy Act, IV of 1096.
2. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar under the Joint Land Registration Act, II of 1103.
3. To exercise all the powers of the Diwan Peishkar in respect of quarrying and mining referred to in Chapter IV of the Land Revenue Manual.
4. To sanction sales of land for recovery of arrears of revenue.
5. To dispose of audit objections raised by the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.
6. Inspection of the Office of the Fisheries Superintendent.
7. Verification of stamps in the single lock store in the Stamp Office.
8. Mustering of pensioners.
9. Periodical visits to the Mental Hospital.
10. Local inspections authorised by the Diwan Peishkar.
11. Supervision over the progress of land acquisition cases.
12. To carry on all interim correspondence.

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